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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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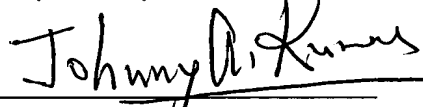
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within three months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Document A8 discloses a method of outputting various adjusted values or service information from a non-volatile RAM, i.e., backup memory, to an external PC through a serial line. (See Fig. 1 and column 3, line 2-49.) An English translation of document A8 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for document A8. Applicant also notes that documents A1-A7 are U.S. patent counterparts to document A8.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	6,026,226	2-15-2000	Heile et al.	395	500.13	
	A2	6,102,964	8-15-2000	Tse et al.	716	18	
	A3	6,110,223	8-29-2000	Southgate et al.	716	18	
	A4	6,120,550	9-19-2000	Southgate et al.	716	11	
	A5	6,134,705	10-17-2000	Pedersen et al.	716	18	
	A6	6,161,211	12-12-2000	Southgate	716	1	
	A7	6,182,247	1-30-2001	Hermann et al.	714	39	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	A8	11-65781	3-9-1999	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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